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CALL FOR STADIUM TO GO ON LEISURE PARK

• Around 200 residents joined Eastrop councillors Gavin James and Stuart Parker (pictured front) on Saturday to voice their objection to the idea of building on the Old Common

AN EASTROP councillor has suggested a proposed new stadium for Basingstoke Town FC should be built at the town's leisure park – labelling the move as a "perfect solution".

Cllr Gavin James aired the idea as the borough council's cabinet prepares to make a decision on January 26 on whether to proceed with the proposal to build the 5,124-capacity football ground on open space at Old Common.

By **Christian Wilson**

The plan was hit by a six-month delay last year after the authority received a petition signed by 500 members of the public objecting to the idea.

A subsequent meeting revealed that the site was not statutorily protected from development as first thought.

As previously reported in the Observer, borough councillors were last month shown £200million proposals to transform Basingstoke Leisure Park by building an aquadrome, a velodrome and a designer shopping outlet on the 60-acre site.

But Cllr James labelled the idea of including a retail village as "appalling", instead calling for the site to be used in part by the football club.

He said: "The best option has always been the leisure park, in my opinion.

"A leisure park shouldn't be for retail, it should be for leisure activities, and having the football club there would do that. The current plans for the leisure park are appalling.

"What they are suggesting is a shopping centre with a swimming pool attached, which we already have at Festival Place.

"The Old Common is too important to lose and it would hurt our town, so having a stadium at the leisure park would be the perfect solution.

"I've been opposed to this from day one and I know a hell of a lot of other people are passionate about this.

"It would be bad for the club as well, as they would have to throw events all the time at the new stadium to pay for it, which you wouldn't be able to do in a residential area."

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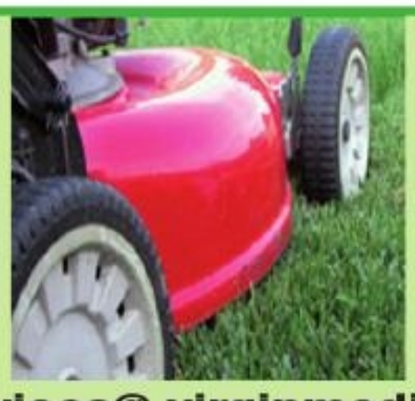

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Proposed council tax rise criticised

PLANS from the borough council to raise council tax by two per cent have been branded a "disgrace" by the leader of Basingstoke's Labour group.

By **Christian Wilson**

The tax is set to be increased across Basingstoke and Deane for the first time in five years from April due to cuts of about £800,000 in central Government funding.

• Norden councillor Paul Harvey has labelled Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's proposed budget as "incompetent"

The £1.98 rise per household would help protect frontline services, secure the future of the Basingstoke Festival and allow the council to invest an extra £1.6 million to support homeless people and those at risk of losing their homes.

But with both Hampshire County Council and the county's fire service also expected to increase tax in their respective budgets, Cllr Paul Harvey expressed fears that residents would be subjected to a "triple whammy" effect by the rise.

He said: "The proposed budget is incompetent and comes after services that residents rely on like children's centres already being cut.

"Now on top of all of that, they're going to raise the tax?

"People are going to wind up paying more for less services and that's a disgrace.

"It's also highly likely that fire service and county council will also increase their tax, which means residents will get a triple whammy on their bills – this is just pure incompetence."

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet will decide the final budget recommendations on Tuesday, January 26, before the full council sets the budget on February 25.

Even with the proposed rise however, the borough council's tax bill will remain the lowest of all Hampshire's district councils, while also being the sixth lowest overall in the country – something highlighted by the authority.

Cabinet member for finance and resources, John Izett, said: "The cut in our main Government grant for next year is based on the Government's assumption that the borough council will put up its part of council tax by an average of £5 a year.

"But despite rising costs, a growing population and reducing funding, we have still managed to minimise the burden on council taxpayers and get it down to under £2 by carefully balancing our books and finding efficiency savings.

"We are committed to remaining a low-tax council despite these increasing budget pressures and our pledge remains to keep the excellent services that our residents rely on every day and invest in the future success of the borough."

Town's junior doctors take part in national strike

MORE than 60 junior doctors took part in a 24-hour strike outside Basingstoke hospital on Tuesday.

Protesters took part in the national walkout from 8am before holding placards outside the building showing their demands for better pay and safer working conditions.

A total of two operations and four clinics were postponed at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital as a result of the dispute with the Government over a new contract.

The walkout came after talks with the British Medical Association (BMA) broke down, with the union insisting that the Government was "directly responsible" for the action taking place.

BMA junior doctors committee chair Dr Johann Malawana said: "We deeply regret the level of disruption caused, but this is a fight for the long-term safety of patients and junior doctors' working lives.

"The biggest threat to patient care is the Government's insistence on removing safeguards which prevent junior doctors from being forced to work dangerously long hours without breaks, with patients facing the prospect of being treated by exhausted doctors."

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust chief nurse Donna Green said: "I would like to say a big thank you to all of our staff for their efforts in making sure that as many patients as possible were unaffected by the industrial action."

A 48-hour strike is due to take place on Tuesday, January 26, if no compromise is reached.

Appeal launched after Christmas assault

POLICE have released images of two people who could have witnessed an assault in Basingstoke on Christmas Day.

A 28-year-old man suffered lumps and bruising to the back of his head during the incident while working as a security steward at the Alpha Cars taxi rank in Joices Yard.

The offender is understood to have approached him during the 3.45am attack and pulled him over some railings before punching him in the head.

An investigation has since been launched into the assault, with police wishing to get in contact with the two men pictured as they might be able to help them with their enquiries in catching the perpetrator.

The suspect is described as mixed race, in his mid 20s, of slim build and about 5ft 6ins tall, with curly hair.

Anyone with information should contact PC Aiden Blackwell at Basingstoke police office on 101.

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Reece delighted to gain top cadet title

A BEGGARWOOD cadet has been named as best volunteer first aider in the district by a national charity.

By **Christian Wilson**

Reece Bethel overcame strong competition to pick up the St John Ambulance West District Cadet of the Year.

The 15-year-old joined St Ambulance as a Badger 10 years ago, and since then has used his skills to help care for mum Dawn, who is disabled.

Basingstoke Cadet Unit member Reece will go on to represent the county's best cadets at public events for the charity throughout the year after winning last month's competition, held in Millbrook in Southampton.

Reece said: "I'm delighted to have won District Cadet of the Year.

"I'm hoping it will allow me to further support a new wave of cadets coming into the charity."

He added: "I also hope to develop ways to continue providing appropriate training and mentoring to enable us to stay as one of the strongest youth organisations in the UK."

Reece, who is studying for a BTEC in engineering at UTC Reading, will go on to compete for both the regional and overall national Cadet of the Year accolades in April.

St John Ambulance provides cadets with the chance to learn first aid, as well as a wide-range of other skills such as leadership and radio communications.

The charity's regional youth manager, Jo Gardner, said: "I hope Reece enjoys the year in office and I am sure he will make the most of all the opportunities offered and encourage more young people to learn the skills that can the difference between a life lost and a life saved."

• Beggarwood teenager Reece Bethel has won St John Ambulance's West District Cadet of the Year award

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Have your say

HART: Residents are being urged to have their say on the Hart local plan consultation before it closes tomorrow.

The consultation examines Hart District Council's need to build 2,500 new homes by 2032, while also preparing for the possibility of constructing a further 500 to cover shortfalls in Rushmoor and Surrey Heath.

After the consultation stage, the council will then move forward to a draft local plan consultation later this year in the summer.

Council leader Stephen Parker said: "We've had a record-breaking response to this consultation so far and I'm urging the people who haven't had a chance to do so before Friday."

Visit hart.gov.uk/consultations for more information.

Festival grows

ALTON: The annual Alton Walking Festival has been extended to take place over a week this year, rather than just a weekend.

The event from Monday, April 4 to Sunday, April 10 will offer a range of walks ranging from 18-mile rambles to shorter strolls, while the famous Alton Ghost Walks will return on the Saturday night.

Visit alton.gov.uk.

Residents turn out to oppose building on Old Common

• *From front page*

Basingstoke Town and the borough council have been in negotiations over a suitable location for a new stadium at no cost to residents for more than 10 years.

And the club has insisted that it would continue to work closely with the authority to find a solution, adding they would be "open to exploring other options".

A statement said: "The Old Common site was the preferred option for the council and the club have worked in conjunction with the council, meeting all the requirements it has been asked.

"The club acknowledges that in recent months there have been cross-party private meetings to discuss all of the options that the council can offer and looks forward to seeing the report that will be published ahead of the cabinet meeting later this month."

Club CEO David Knight added: "We've always said that it's down to the council to pick what they think would be an appropriate site, but we are open to exploring other options for sure."

Around 200 residents met Cllr James and fellow councillor Stuart Parker at Old Common on Saturday ahead of the cabinet's decision later this month.

Basingstoke Heritage Society secretary, Debbie Reavell, who attended the meeting, said while it would be inappropriate for her to comment on any proposals to build on the leisure park, it would be "very short-sighted" of the council not to look at other options.

She said: "We're not against the football club at all, but we feel that the council has to stop this proposal and try again to find a better site.

"The Old Common is very close to the town centre, which makes it unique and very special – it's just too valuable to give away."

• An artist's impression of how a new stadium could look

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Councillors are urged to approve homes plan

A CONTROVERSIAL planning application to build 35 homes on land in Ashford Hill was due to go before councillors last night after the Observer went to press.

By **Christian Wilson**

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has received 105 letters of objection to the application, with 41 of them coming since last September following amendments to the proposals.

The plans would see 16 five-bed, two four-bed, 10 three-bed and seven two-bed homes built at the junction of Little Knowl Hill and Ashford Hill Road, along with a 31-space car park and a sewerage treatment plant.

Council officers were recommending the application be approved by the development and control committee despite Ashford Hill with Headley Parish Council labelling the plans "inappropriate".

A parish council statement said: "There is a known flood risk from surface water and we are deeply concerned that this major sustainability issue has still not been adequately resolved.

"In our view the current design proposals are inappropriate for a small rural village, as the layout design is suburban in nature.

"And the addition of a car park is unnecessary and will only cause additional traffic flow problems, as well as utilising more green field space from an adjacent field."

A total of 14 dwellings made up of seven three-bed and seven four-bed properties would be allocated for affordable housing if the plans were approved, while farm buildings to the south of the site would be demolished.

Speaking ahead of last night's meeting, Kingsclere councillor Cathy Osselton told the Observer that she thought the plans were "not sustainable" for the village.

She said: "As one of the borough councillors for Ashford Hill with Headley, I would like it to be recorded that I am fully in favour of the parish council's decision to reject this planning application.

"I'm not supporting this for the simple reason that it's not sustainable, and I will argue the case for that at the meeting."

For a full update on the meeting, see next week's paper or visit basingstokeobserver.co.uk.

Young people gear up for fun of Gang Show

• The youngsters rehearse for this year's Gang Show

THE Observer was given a first glimpse of preparations for next month's Basingstoke Gang Show spectacular over the weekend.

All 65 Scouts and Guides on the cast rehearsed numbers from the upcoming show during a press day at The Costello School on Saturday.

The 25th Gang Show will take place over 10 nights from February 11 at the Haymarket Theatre, with tickets now on sale at basingstokegangshow.com.

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Breast-feed plea

BASINGSTOKE: MP Maria Miller made a deposition to a full meeting of Hampshire County Council last week about the future of breastfeeding counsellors in the area.

The authority is completing an evaluation of breastfeeding provision in the county, with funding for Hampshire Breastfeeding Counselling due to cease in March.

She said: "Research shows the Basingstoke drop-ins are increasingly successful in supporting breast feeding and it is vital that we ensure that this expertise is not lost."

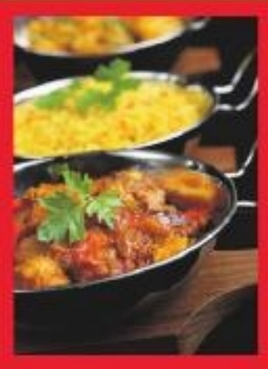
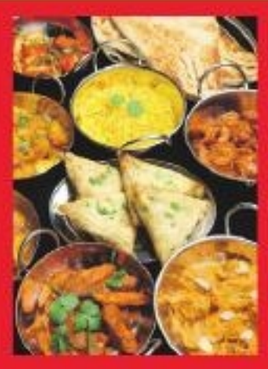
Music chance

HAMPSHIRE: Young musicians can now join ensembles across the county as part of the county council's Hampshire Music Service.

A new guitar ensemble in Basingstoke is among the groups recruiting, with a brand new Hampshire Youth Folk ensemble also starting up.

Nominate call

HAMPSHIRE: Residents are being urged to nominate unsung heroes and sporting talent for a Hampshire Isle of Wight Sports award before Friday, January 26, at sporthampshireiow.co.uk/sports-awards.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LOOK FOR THE UNION JACKS

Department switch for fire service welcomed

THE man in charge of Hampshire fire and rescue has welcomed the Government's decision to switch departmental responsibility for the service to the Home Office.

By **Christian Wilson**

Prime Minister David Cameron made the announcement last Monday as part of his plans to enhance the collaboration between fire services and police forces nationwide.

Policing minister Mike Penning will assume responsibility from the Department for Communities and Local Government for the portfolio in a bid to improve both services by "delivering value for money for taxpayers".

Both services are set to make annual savings of about £1million as a result of the switch, with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority chairman Chris Carter praising the latest news.

He said: "This move brings us closer to our partners in the police and we would hope that it will enable Hampshire and other fire and rescue services to continue to have a strong national voice at ministerial level for the communities we serve."

The Government recently consulted on proposals to enable police and crime commissioners (PCCs) to take on greater responsibility for fire services at a local level – an idea backed by Hampshire's PCC Simon Hayes.

Mr Hayes said: "Hampshire's police and fire and rescue services have an excellent track record in partnership working, delivering service improvements and efficiency savings for the benefit of our communities."

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) was sceptical over the move however.

General secretary Matt Wrack said: "We have always agreed with close collaboration with other emergency services.

"But we remain concerned that the takeover of our service by PCCs will mean a loss of our independence and a threat to the professionalism of firefighters."

He continued: "We are sceptical based on our experience of this Government so far, but we are hoping very much to see improved funding for national risks, such as flooding and terrorism, which would see improvements to resilience."

Building report idea backed

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller proved successful in securing the support of the housing minister to provide new home buyers with reports compiled by inspectors during building work.

Mrs Miller spoke last Tuesday night in Parliament of the need to remove the "quality lottery" that often leaves buyers having to cope with major build problems after they move in.

MPs debated until 2am over the Housing and Planning Bill, which would offer discounts of up to £77,000 to people renting from housing associations who want to buy their homes.

• Basingstoke MP Maria Miller has secured support from the Government to start to give new home buyers more information about their properties

Minister for Housing and Planning, Brandon Lewis, was quick to praise Mrs Miller's idea to make the reports available, which they are not currently.

He said: "As a result of [Mrs Miller's] representations, we have asked the Building Control Performance Standards Advisory Group to look at making inspection records available on request to building owners and prospective owners."

Mrs Miller said: "Buyers face a quality lottery with major build problems going unresolved because regular checks are not mandatory and information about the build of the house is not routinely given to new buyers.

"Buyers would be able to see for themselves how many checks have been made, at what stage and whether any problems have been uncovered."

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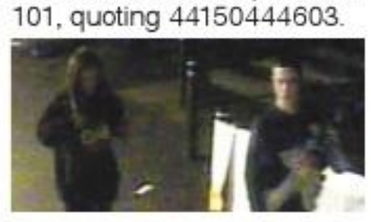
Police arson plea

TADLEY: Police have released CCTV stills of two people who might be able to provide information into the circumstances of a fire in Tadley.

An area next to the delivery bay at Sainsbury's supermarket in Mulfords Hill was seriously damaged by the blaze between 3am and 5am on December 19. The incident is being treated by police as suspicious.

Anyone who recognises the individuals pictured or who might have seen suspicious is asked to contact police on 101, quoting 44150444603.



Charity ball

CHINEHAM: A charity ball has been organised to raise funds for research into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in children.

The event is being organised by resident Kate Hardy for the Lullaby Trust following the loss of her granddaughter Bella just after she had turned one on January 28 last year.

The ball will take place at Hampshire Court Hotel in Centre Drive on May 6. For tickets, go to bellascharityball.com.

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Road closures

BASINGSTOKE: Road users have been advised by Highways England that sections of the Black Dam roundabout and its approach roads are due to be closed overnight during the next few days.

The closures will take place between 10pm and 5am on the A30 Ringway South eastbound, the A30 London Road eastbound, the A339 north and southbound and the northern section of the roundabout until Saturday.

The A30 London Road eastbound and westbound and A339 northbound will be closed respectively on Sunday and from next Monday to Wednesday, while the A339 southbound will shut during the same times on Thursday and Friday.

And each of the A30 London Road westbound, the A30 Ringway South westbound, M3 Spur north and southbound and the southern section of the Black Dam roundabout will be closed from next Saturday to Tuesday, January 26.

Branch turns 50

HAMPSHIRE: The Campaign to Protect Rural England's (CPRE) Hampshire branch celebrates turning 50 today. It works to protect and enhance the area's countryside for the benefit of residents.

Novelist honoured at events launch

A COUNTYWIDE programme marking the 200-year anniversary of the death of novelist Jane Austen is due to be launched tomorrow in Basingstoke.

A collection of priceless artefacts belonging to the writer including her writing desk and spectacles will be on display at the Willis Museum.

The Top of Town gallery will hold the items until February 20 following an agreement with the British Library as part of Hampshire Cultural Trust's big theme for next year – Jane Austen 200.

Austen was born and raised in Steventon, near Overton, and wrote the classic novels 'Pride and Prejudice', 'Northanger Abbey' and 'Sense and Sensibility' during her time in the borough before her death in 1817.

The Jane Austen 200 event will see a series of exhibitions, talks, walks, writing competitions and performances held across the county next year to honour the landmark.

By **Christian Wilson**

And to mark the countdown to the anniversary, the Willis Museum will hold the campaign's launch from 11.30am tomorrow when Austen's descendent Rebecca Smith will perform a reading from one of her great works, and unveil a plaque commemorating her life.

Ms Smith, who was the writer-in-residence at Jane Austen's House Museum in Chawton, said: "I am so excited to attend the launch of Jane Austen 200 and it will be lovely to see Jane Austen's writing box and spectacles back in Hampshire.

"This is just the beginning of an important celebration for the county and everybody who loves Jane Austen and will be a wonderful opportunity for new people to discover her work."

The event will also see musician Lisa Timbs perform Regency music reminiscent of the era on a pianola, with Hampshire Cultural Trust chief executive Janet Owen labelling the programme as "truly fantastic for Hampshire".

She added: "In the run-up to 2017 - 200 years since her death - Hampshire should celebrate its most famous daughter, one of the greatest writers in English history.

"Our aim is to bring the best items and exhibits from across the world to Hampshire, complementing the amazing home-grown arts and culture we have.

"Jane Austen 200 will see a wealth of exhibitions, events and activities related to Jane Austen at museums and arts venues across the county.

"There will be more going on about Jane Austen in Hampshire than anywhere else in the world."

• Jane Austen's former writing desk and spectacles are on display at the Willis Museum until February 20

Have your say online

Parents urged to check kids' sugar levels

PARENTS from across the county are being urged to cut the amount of sugar consumed by their children in a new digital-based campaign.

Hampshire County Council is encouraging carers to get on their smartphones and tablets and become more 'Sugar Smart' by downloading its new sugar application.

The move is part of the authority's Change4Life campaign, and highlights that four- to 10-year-olds consume an estimated 5,500 sugar cubes a year, or 22kg – the same weight as an average five-year-old child.

The council's executive member for public health, Patricia Stallard, said: "It's surprising how much sugar there is in the food and drink we give our children and it can be difficult to know how much sugar we and our families really consume."

"Statistics show that our children are consuming three times more sugar than the recommended daily maximum.

"The biggest source is sugary drinks – so it's really important to help parents and carers see exactly where the sugar in their children's diet is coming from so they can choose how to cut down."

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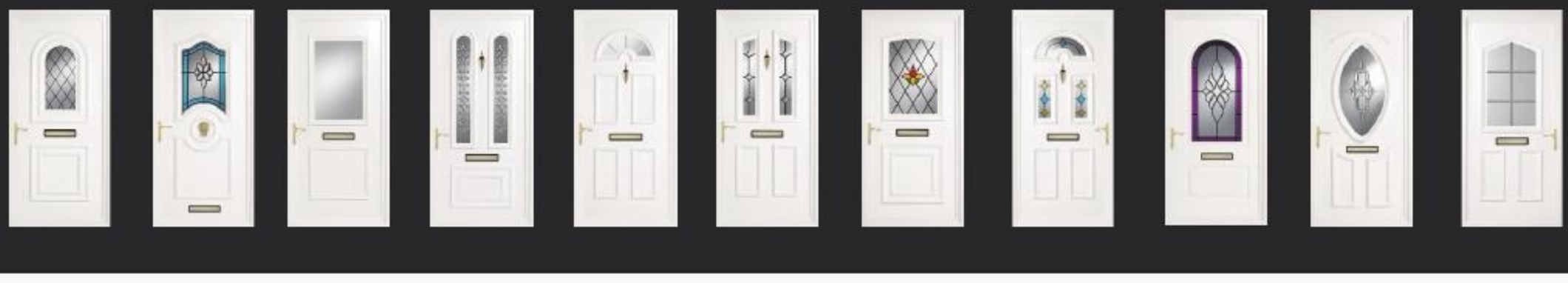

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Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, January 8.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 67935 of Basingstoke, while ticket 83657 of Old Basing claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 44709, and Burghfield Common ticket 27300 gets fourth prize of £20.

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Flasher sought

BASINGSTOKE: Police have released CCTV images of a man suspected of exposing himself in Basingstoke.

The unknown man is understood to have followed two women along Hackwood Road at about 11.40pm on Tuesday, November 24.

Hampshire Constabulary wants anyone who might recognise the man (pictured below) or has information to call 101, quoting 44150409167.

Search begins for a new police chief

HAMPSHIRE'S police and crime commissioner (PCC) has begun the process to recruit a new chief constable for the county.

The county's police chief Andy Marsh is due to leave Hampshire Constabulary at the end of the month to take up the same role with Avon and Somerset Police.

The application process for the position is open until Wednesday, January 27, with a preferred candidate expected to be announced by the force on March 11.

Deputy Chief Constable Graham McNulty will take over pending a permanent appointment, with commissioner Simon Hayes insisting that the new chief would have to adapt to the challenges of modern policing.

He said: "I am looking for someone who understands the importance of partnership working, and the benefits gained from working with other public-sector bodies and community groups to protect people, places and prevent crime in our communities.

Have your say online

By **Christian Wilson**

"Policing changes across generations to reflect society's needs and expectations."

As previously reported in the Observer, Chief Con Marsh chose to take up the position closer to his home in the south west due to family reasons, after moving to Hampshire to become deputy chief constable in 2010.

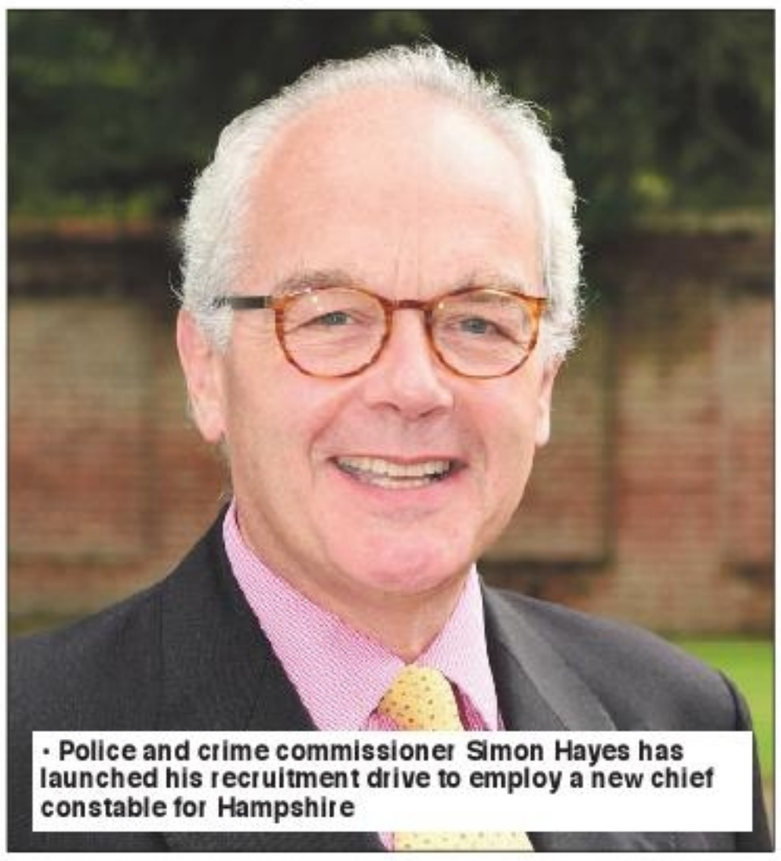
He said: "I will leave behind a strong team with the dedication and ambition to keep our communities safe during what is an exciting era for policing with many new challenges.

"I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our police and crime commissioner for his support and remind everyone that, today, Hampshire Constabulary has very high public confidence compared with other forces in the country."

Mr Hayes said: "I'm looking for a modern chief constable who understands the pressures placed on policing today; who can gain the confidence both of the public and employees within the organisation.

"A person indeed with the vision to develop policing across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and build on the foundations of innovation and efficiency set down in my Police and Crime Plan."

Any police officer and holder of senior rank in designated overseas police forces can apply for the post, while individuals with complementary experience gained during careers in other sectors to policing are also encouraged to submit an application for the role.



• Police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes has launched his recruitment drive to employ a new chief constable for Hampshire

Volunteers plea launched to find first responders

HAMPSHIRE residents are being urged to become life-savers as part of their New Year's resolution plans.

South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) NHS Foundation Trust has started a campaign calling for volunteers to become community first responders (CFRs).

The volunteers would be called by SCAS to attend potentially life-threatening incidents, such as cardiac arrests or strokes, often saving lives by being at the scene before paramedics arrive.

Hampshire SCAS community liaison and training officer, Terry Kane, said: "Because each CFR lives or works in their 'patch', they can often reach a patient a few minutes earlier than an emergency ambulance."

To apply to be a volunteer, you have to be over the age of 18, be in possession of a full UK driving licence and be fit enough to carry out effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for up to 20 minutes.

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Police release E-fit in search for an attacker

POLICE have released an e-fit image of a man suspected of assaulting a 50-year-old woman in Popley.

Grandmother Lillian Martin was punched in the face when she answered the door to the man and questioned his claim that he was raising money for a children's charity.

She was knocked unconscious after falling and hitting her head, causing severe swelling and bruising to her chin, jaw, mouth and left eye.

The assault happened between 7.15pm and 7.35pm on September 23 last year in Abbey Road.

The offender is described as being white, clean shaven, aged 25 to 28, about 5ft 10in tall, with dark eyes and was wearing a plain navy blue sweatshirt and light blue jeans.

PC Michaela Gaimster said: "This was a nasty and unprovoked attack, which has left the victim in a great deal of discomfort.

"She was targeted in her own home, which has left her feeling very shaken and distressed."

Anyone with information

Crime rates on rise as arrests see drop

POLICE arrested 14 per cent less people across Hampshire last year, despite a sharp rise in the county's recorded crime rate.

By **Christian Wilson**

Figures released by the Home Office showed 30,274 people were arrested by Hampshire Constabulary up to March 31 – a drop of 5,103 on the previous 12 months.

That drop represented the sixth biggest reduction out of England and Wales's 43 forces, and coincided with statistics revealing an 18 per cent rise in the recorded crime rate for the area.

A total of 75,443 less arrests were made across the country over the last year at the same time as Government cuts saw the number of officers slashed nationwide.

And with Hampshire's force seeing a five per cent drop in officers over the last year, Hampshire Police Federation chairman John Apter insisted that the drop in arrests didn't surprise him at all.

He said: "The reduction of numbers clearly shows the consequences of losing so many officers – it's impossible to escape that fact.

"To see such an imbalance between arrests and the recorded crime rate does look bad.

"I completely understand people's concerns at seeing these stats, because the public want to be assured that violent and aggressive people are being dealt with properly."

Mr Apter also pointed to the effects of using out-of-court techniques such as restorative justice - which allows victims to meet face-to-face with victims to stop re-offending - on reducing the amount of people arrested for 'low level' crimes.

As previously reported in the Observer, Hampshire's police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes pledged £451,000 in funding to spend on the innovative technique in November.

And federation chief Mr Apter has expressed his belief that the growing interest in restorative justice has been the "main reason" for the drop in arrests.

He added: "Seeing less arrests will be a trend all over the country going forward because of the Government's appetite to use restorative justice.

"It was ridiculous how often we were taking people to the courts after their first offence before, so for that reason, I wouldn't say that these findings are entirely negative at all."

He added: "As long as people that should get arrested are put away, I have no problem with it – I wouldn't have said that five years ago, but with the resources we now have, we have to manage our priorities."

• Hampshire Police Federation chairman John Apter pointed to the emergence of restorative justice as the "main reason" for the drop in arrests

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Radio station shortlisted for seven awards

A BASINGSTOKE radio station has received a record-breaking number of nominations for a national award.

Hospital Radio Basingstoke was last week shortlisted for seven National Hospital Broadcasting Awards – its best showing and the second-highest overall across the country.

The station is up for the prestigious Station of the Year award, as well as the Best Male, Best Female, Best Show with Multiple Presenters and Best Specialist Show categories.

It has also been nominated for the Best Special Event Coverage award and Best Speech Package award for its coverage of the Magna Carta Festival and for a feature involving MP Maria Miller respectively.

Radio chairman Dave Warren said: "I am absolutely delighted with this record achievement and very proud of all the fantastic volunteers who have worked all year round to make it happen."

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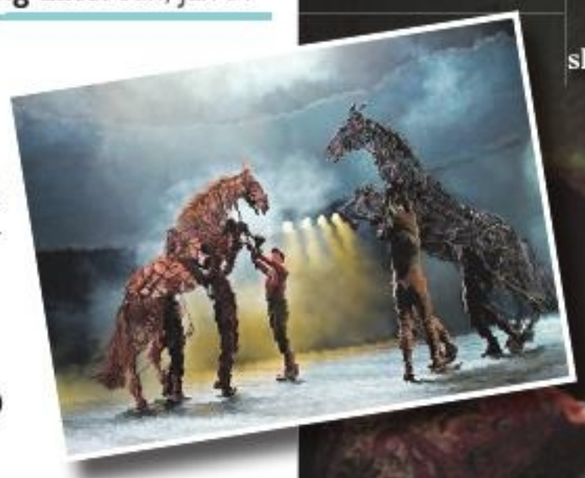

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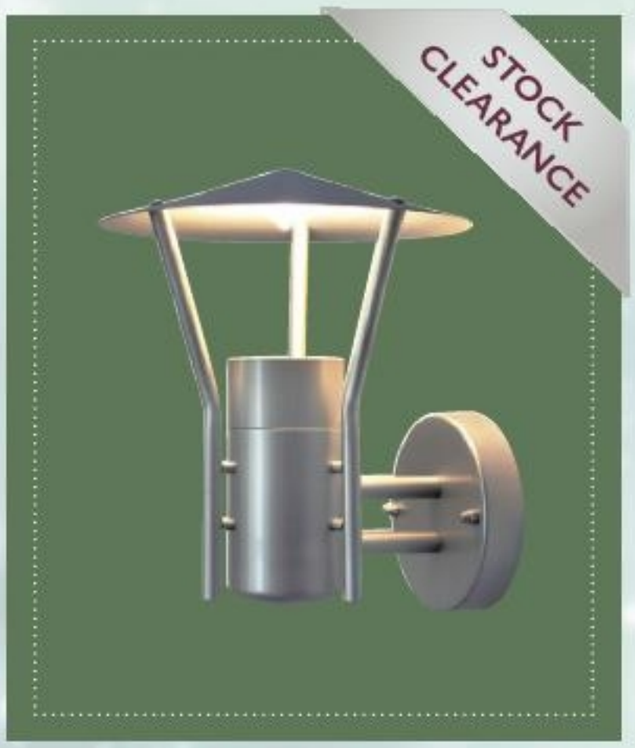

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18 Take by surprise (7)
19 Squander (5)
20 Ascribe (9)
21 Donkey (3)
22 Long-bodied insects (11)

Quick Clues Down

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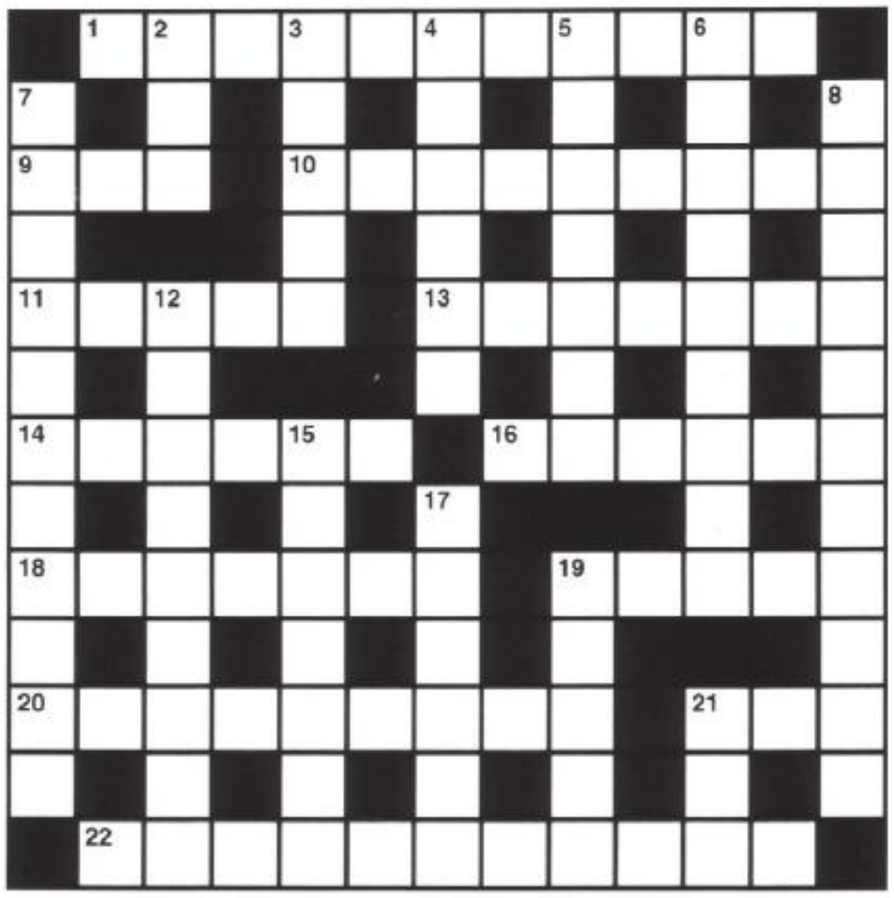
1 Let Aunty vie with the change-over of any contingency (11)
9 3 down's cold centre (3)
10 Bail out in the box to check the measurements (9)
11 Ore who pulls a lot of weight can rise to a great height (5)
13 Useful way of starting a game (7)
14 Mistakes made by the traitor in time (6)
16 Sword for the god on the jetty (6)
18 No share of the speech (7)
19 Part of joint returned to group (5)
20 Praising the former tax on badly brewed gin? (9)
21 Stand as candidate while the show is on? (3)
22 Now for a birthday? (7,4)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Compete in the review (3)
3 It is more agreeable to pull back about a hundred (5)
4 Except that the world assembly takes a smaller part (6)
5 A pound can make Spain and Portugal into an African country (7)
6 No, it comes back, and I move suddenly up for the custom, (9)
7 Now tell me it is rewritten as a classic story (6,5)
8 Going further into the assessment, after putting up half a poem for ten to back (11)
12 Fight, rave, or be the one to give a guarantee (9)
15 Toys with the dessert? (7)
17 An Asian and I in a mix-up (6)
19 Time for a sound lady's champion (5)
21 Drive home the animal (3)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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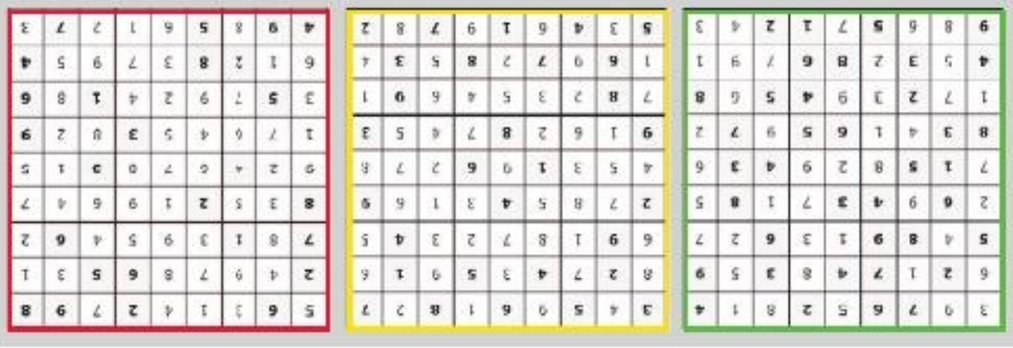

Quick Crossword

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Down: 2 Nod Event 4 Emends 5 Trumpet 6 Noiseless 7 New Year's Day 8 Intersperse 12 Character 15 Untying 17 Return 19 Wheel 21 Ape

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Eventuality 9 Ice 10 Calibrate 11 Tower 13 Service 14 Errata 16 Rapier 18 Oration 19 None! 20 Extolling 21 Run 22 Present time
Down: 2 Vie 3 Nicer 4 Unless 5 Liberia 6 Tradition 7 Little Women 8 Penetrating 12 Warranter 15 Trifles 17 Indian 19 Night 21 Ram

Puzzles

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Friday January 15th

DAYTIME

BBC1

The Graham Norton Show, **10.35pm**

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Rip Off Britain: Holidays** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Wanted Down Under** (S) **11.45 Close Calls: On Camera** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Father Brown** (S) **2.30 For What It's Worth** With antiques expert David Harper. (S) **3.15 Escape to the Country** (S) **3.45 James Martin: Home Comforts** With guest Antonio Carluccio. (S) **4.30 Antiques Road Trip** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 Fake Britain Matt Allwright investigates the dangers of counterfeit shampoos; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8

8.00 EastEnders Phil reaches a new low with his family. (S)
8.30 A Question of Sport With Louise Hazel, Gary Pallister, Chris Walker-Hebborn and Ricky Hatton. (S)

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9.00 Shetland New series. DI Jimmy Perez investigates when a young man disappears on the Aberdeen to Shetland ferry. The return of the detective drama, starring Douglas Henshall. (S)

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10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show With Matthew Perry, Gemma Arterton and Miriam Margolyes. (S)

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11.25 Would I Lie to You? (S)(R)
11.55 FILM Eagle Eye (2008) (12) Thriller, with Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan and Rosario Dawson. (S)

AFTER 12

1.45 Snooker: The Masters – Extra (S) **3.45** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **3.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

QI, **10pm**

6.00 Rip Off Britain: Holidays (S)(R) **6.45 Homes Under the Hammer** Properties in Chatham, Lincolnshire and Worksop. (S)(R) **7.45 Close Calls: On Camera** (S)(R) **8.15 Sign Zone: MasterChef: The Professionals** Six chefs compete in the quarter-final. (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** News and current affairs. (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: The Masters** The third quarter-final. (S) **6.00 Eggheads** Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine. (S) **6.30 Great British Railway Journeys** The last bridge built by renowned engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. (S)

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7.00 Live Snooker: The Masters Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and last quarter-final contest in this year's tournament, which takes place at Alexandra Palace, London. (S)

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8.00 Mastermind The specialist subjects include Scottish pop music from 1980 to 1999. (S)
8.30 What to Buy and Why An assessment of the latest gardening equipment. (S)

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9.00 Bloody Queens: Elizabeth and Mary A dramatisation based on the exchange of letters between Mary Queen of Scots and her cousin Elizabeth I, detailing the hatred and obsession in their bitter rivalry. (S)

10

10.00 QI With Sue Perkins, Romesh Ranganathan and Bill Bailey. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

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11.00 Weather (S)
11.05 Snooker: The Masters The quarter-finals. (S)
11.55 FILM Puppet on a Chain (1971) (15) Action thriller, with Sven-Bertil Taube. (S)

AFTER 12

1.30 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.30** Top Gear: From A to Z (S)(R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Martin Lewis Money Show, **8pm**

6.00 Good Morning Britain Dakota Blue Richards discusses her role in Endeavour. (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S) **3.00 1000 Heartbeats** Quiz show, hosted by Vernon Kay. (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

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7.00 Emmerdale Rhona tries to find out who gave her a bad reference. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street A furious Robert might reveal all to Nick. (S)

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8.00 The Martin Lewis Money Show Investigating whether high street banks are short-changing their customers. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Tracy's scheming helps ensure Robert gets what he wants. (S)

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9.00 Mr Selfridge Following his accident, Harry returns to the store intent on opening a cutting-edge technology department – and it is not long before he upsets Mae. With Jeremy Piven. (S)

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10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 Birds of a Feather Burglars strike while the family are out at Darryl's funeral. (S)(R)

11

11.10 FILM Thunderball (1965) (PG) James Bond spy adventure, with Sean Connery, Claudine Auger and Adolfo Celi. (S)

AFTER 12

1.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast, **8pm**

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.30 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.30 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **2.10 Deal or No Deal** Beat-the-banker game show. (S) **3.10 Countdown** With Dictionary Corner guest John Inverdale. (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** Properties on the Caribbean island of Nevis. (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** Dinner-party challenge in Portsmouth. (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** Pete asks Cleo for money. (S)

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7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

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8.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast Actor David Tennant learns how to cook a Croatian black cuttlefish ink risotto. Plus, the hosts prepare arrosto misto and stone-baked sourdough bread. (S)

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9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown New series. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show, with guests Jason Manford and Roisin Conaty joining forces with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson. (S)

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10.00 First Dates New series. Among those sharing a date are lawyer Arunima and veterinary surgeon Simon, and retired factory worker Margaret and former bookmaker David. (S)

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11.05 Rude Tube Alex Zane showcases a collection of internet videos featuring dogs. Last in the series. (S)

AFTER 12

12.10 FILM Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) (15) (S) **1.55** The Restoration Man (S)(R) **2.50** Building the Dream (S) **3.45** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal (S)(R) **5.25** 1001 Things You Should Know (S)(R)

Channel 5

Lip Sync Battle UK: Jason Manford v Michelle Keegan, **10pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff Panel discussion. **11.10 Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs** (S) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Celebrity Big Brother** (R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** McGee tries to quell a crisis in a women's prison. (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Jesse Stone: Night Passage (2006) (15)** Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Jimmy is rushed to hospital. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Charlotte considers raiding Hunter's trust fund to pay off Trystan. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

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7.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud Comedians Des Clarke and Katy Brand present a selection of the internet's most popular videos featuring dogs; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

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8.00 That's So 1985 New series. A look at events in 1985, using news, pop and TV archive clips to provide a reminder of the time; (S) 5 News Update (S)

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9.00 Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction The latest from the house, as host Emma Willis takes to the stage to evict another household name by announcing the results of the latest public vote. (S)

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10.00 Lip Sync Battle UK: Jason Manford v Michelle Keegan The comedian and actress compete. (S)
10.30 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction (S)

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11.05 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side Rylan Clark-Neal and his guests discuss tonight's eviction. (S)

AFTER 12

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother: Eviction (S)(R) **4.00** Celebrity Big Brother: Eviction (S)(R) **4.25** Tattoo Disasters UK (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.35** House Doctor (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Little Mix **6.10** The Cube **7.00** Dinner Date **8.05** Emmerdale **9.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **9.35** Catchphrase **10.20** Dinner Date **11.20** Royal Pains **12.10** Emmerdale **1.15** Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Desk **1.30** FILM: Must Love Dogs (2005) (12) **3.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show **5.50** Take Me Out **6.50** The Hot Desk: Ed Sheeran **7.00** You've Been Framed! **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) (12) **11.10** Take Me Out **12.30** Two and a Half Men **1.20** Safeword **1.55** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Man About the House **6.25** Heartbeat **7.20** Where the Heart Is **8.25** The Darling Buds of May **9.30** Judge Judy **10.50** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **12.00** Murder, She Wrote **1.00** Heartbeat **2.00** Wild at Heart **3.00** Where the Heart Is **4.05** Man About the House **4.40** Rising Damp **5.10** On the Buses **5.45** Heartbeat **6.50** Murder, She Wrote **7.50** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **9.00** Long Lost Family **10.00** Law & Order: UK **11.00** Blue Murder **12.35** FILM: Private Benjamin (1980) (15) **2.30** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **3.25** The Darling Buds of May **5.15** Judge Judy **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** American Dad! **12.00** Family Guy **1.30** Siblings **2.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **2.45** Russell Howard's Good News **3.45** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Top of the Pops **8.00** The Good Old Days **8.45** Pop Go the Sixties **9.00** One-Hit Wonders at the BBC **10.00** Music Moguls: Masters of Pop **11.00** Pop Charts Britannia: 60 Years of the Top 10 **12.30** Top of the Pops **1.10** Music Moguls: Masters of Pop **2.10** Pop Charts Britannia: 60 Years of the Top 10 **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Made in Chelsea **6.45** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Iron Man (2008) (12) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory: Superheroes **11.30** Tattoo Fixers **12.35** Gogglebox **2.15** Drifters **3.05** Tattoo Fixers

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie Allsopp's Home Style **10.00** Location, Location, Location **11.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **11.15** FILM: Destry Rides Again (1939) (U) **1.05** Time Team **2.10** Come Dine with Me **4.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **5.45** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Spin **10.00** FILM: The Taking of Pelham 123 (2009) (15) **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.10** Grand Designs **2.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Bear Island (1979) (PG) **1.20** Rio Grande (1950) (U) **3.30** The Lady from Shanghai (1947) (PG) **5.15** Gideon of Scotland Yard (1958) (PG) **7.05** Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) (12) **9.00** Cuban Fury (2014) (15) **10.55** The 36th Chamber of Shaolin (1978) (18) **1.15** Wild Things (1998) (18) **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** The World of Stupid Criminals **7.25** Scrapheap Challenge **8.10** Sin City Motors **9.00** The Best of Top Gear **10.00** Ice Road Truckers **11.00** American Pickers **12.00** Storage Hunters UK **1.00** The Best of Top Gear **2.00** American Pickers **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.00** The Best of Top Gear **6.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Haye v De Mori: The Countdown **8.30** Storage Hunters UK **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.00** Mock the Week **1.00** Haye v De Mori: The Countdown **1.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.35** Mock the Week **3.10** The World of Stupid Criminals

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **9.00** Greggs: More Than Meats the Pie **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** Forever **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Greggs: More Than Meats the Pie **4.00** Futurama **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Extreme Phobias, Extreme Cures **9.00** Bring the Noise **10.00** Stella **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Forever **2.00** Air Ambulance ER **3.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **4.00** UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Urban Secrets **7.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **9.00** House **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00** Cold Case **1.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **4.00** House **5.00** The West Wing **6.00** Blue Bloods **7.00** Cold Case **8.00** Without a Trace **9.00** FILM: Phil Spector (2013) (15) **10.50** The Wire **1.20** The Sopranos **2.20** Blue Bloods **3.15** House of Lies **3.50** Enlightened **4.20** Star Trek: Enterprise **5.10** Urban Secrets

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Saturday January 16th

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast News, sport and entertainment reports. (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **12.10 Football Focus** (S) **12.50 Saturday Sportsday** (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: The Masters** (S) **4.30 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) **5.10 Now You See It** (S) **5.40 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.00 Pointless Celebrities** A "health and fitness" edition of the unorthodox quiz show. (S) **6.50 The Getaway Car** New series. Game show, presented by Dermot O'Leary. (S)

7 **7.45 The Voice UK** A cage fighter, a drag queen and a man who once sung with the Beatles display their vocal talents to Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson in "blind auditions". (S)

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9 **9.05 Casualty** Ethan becomes frustrated by a lack of beds in the ED. (S)
9.55 The National Lottery Live The all-important numbers. (S)

10 **10.05 BBC News;** Weather (S)
10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11 **11.50 Snooker: The Masters – Extra** Hazel Irvine presents extended highlights of the opening semi-final in this year's tournament, which took place at Alexandra Palace, London.

AFTER 12 **1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.55** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.05 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S)(R) **6.55 FILM Wonder Man (1945)** (S) **8.30 FILM The Prisoner of Zenda (1952) (U)** (S) **10.10 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.10 Natural World** (S)(R) **12.00 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.45 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **1.30 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 For What It's Worth** (S)(R) **3.45 Flog It!** (S)(R) **4.30 Live Snooker: The Masters** The concluding frames of the opening semi-final. (S) **5.30 Victorian Bakers** (S)(R) **6.30 Dad's Army** The platoon responds to a cricket challenge. (S)(R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The Masters Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the second semi-final from Alexandra Palace, London, where the line-up for the final will be confirmed over the best of 11 frames. Subsequent programmes subject to change. (S)

10.30 QI XL With Sue Perkins, Romesh Ranganathan and Bill Bailey. (S)

11.15 Insert Name Here With Hugh Dennis, Omid Djalili, Roisin Conaty and Alice Roberts. (S)(R)
11.45 Dragons' Den The panel of entrepreneurs casts an eye over more business ideas, including an innovative camping stove and a scheme involving hard-boiled eggs. Evan Davis presents. (S)(R)

12.45 FILM Spider (2002) (15) Psychological thriller, starring Ralph Fiennes. (S) **2.20** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! (S) **7.35 Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series** (S)(R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry** (S)(R) **8.10 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters** (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go** (S) **9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show** (S)(R) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **10.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **1.30 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **2.35 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **3.35 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **4.30 The Martin Lewis Money Show** (S)(R) **5.00 The Saturday Night Story** (S)(R) **6.05 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 New You've Been Framed!** (S)

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara host the fourth heat, as competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in the obstacle-course challenge. (S)

8.00 Take Me Out An Irish dancer, a diamond consultant, a musician and an ice hockey player seek the approval of Paddy McGuinness's 30 single women. (S)

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show Veteran actor Michael Caine visits the studio for his first British chat show appearance in nearly 10 years, along with Creed stars Michael B Johnson and Sylvester Stallone. (S)

10.20 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.35 FILM Lethal Weapon 4 (1998) (15) Action adventure, starring Mel Gibson, Danny Glover and Rene Russo. (S)

12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother Ted and Stella disagree about where they should live. (S)(R) **6.40 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **7.30 Ironman Switzerland** (S) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 FILM Flash Gordon (1980) (PG)** (S) **12.10 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **12.35 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD** (S) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Warwick, Wetherby and Chelmsford City. (S) **4.00 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.05 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.35 Location, Location, Location** Kirstie and Phil help people looking for homes in London. (S)(R)

7.30 World's Weirdest Homes Charlie Luxton presents a guide to 20 of the most unusual residences ever built. Featuring an artist who lives in a skip, a converted missile silo and a house shaped like a dog. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Fast & Furious 6 (2013) (12) Premiere. A gang of fugitives reunites to take down a criminal syndicate that is aided by a friend they thought was dead. Action thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel. (S)

11.40 FILM The Running Man (1987) (18) Sci-fi action adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Richard Dawson. (S)

1.30 Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.30** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **4.30** The Fabulous Baker Brothers (S) **5.25** 1001 Things You Should Know (S)(R) **5.50** How I Met Your Mother (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **9.30 The Saturday Show** (S) **11.35 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Columbo: A Matter of Honour (1976) (PG)** (S) **3.00 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** A couple who unwittingly rented a property to a confidence trickster. (S)(R) **4.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild** A former fighter pilot farming in the foothills of the Himalayas. (S)(R) **5.00 Ice Road Truckers** The ice roads begin to melt and crack. (S)(R) **6.00 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.05 World War II in Colour** (S)(R)

7.00 World War II Battlefield Recovery Excavation experts set out to retrieve Second World War relics from the battlefields of the Eastern Front, telling the stories of fallen soldiers by examining their remains. (S)

8.00 Chasing Monsters Adventurer Cyril Chauquet visits remote waters to seek out the colossal goliath grouper, the world's largest marine fish, which can grow to more than 800 pounds. (S)

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's second-tier matches. (S)

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight Highlights and all the goals from League One and League Two. (S)
10.30 Celebrity Big Brother (S)

11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Jason Manford v Michelle Keegan The comedian and actress compete. (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother (S)(R) **4.00** Celebrity Big Brother: Heroes and Villains (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.20** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Ella Eyre **6.10** Emmerdale **8.55** Coronation Street **11.20** Ninja Warrior UK **12.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.50** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes. **4.00** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **5.45** FILM: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) (PG) Dinosaur adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum. **8.15** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands **9.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.20** FILM: American Pie 2 (2001) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Biggs. **12.25** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **1.20** Reality Bites **1.55** Viral Tap **2.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Where the Heart Is **7.50** The Royal **9.55** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) **11.50** A Touch of Frost **1.50** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **4.05** FILM: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. **6.05** Lewis **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.00** Marchlands **1.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **2.00** Man About the House **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.30** FILM: Drive (2011) (18) Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling. **11.05** Family Guy **12.55** Russell Howard's Good News **1.25** Live at the Apollo **1.55** Siblings **2.25** FILM: Bedtime Stories (2008) (PG)

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Stories from the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited **8.00** Castles – Britain's Fortified History **9.00** The Young Montalbano. The death of a fisherman is connected to a far-reaching criminal conspiracy. **10.40** Music Moguls: Masters of Pop **11.40** One-Hit Wonders at the BBC **12.40** Danny Baker's Great Album Showdown **1.45** Top of the Pops **3.05** Sounds of the Eighties **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Rules of Engagement **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Baby Daddy **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Role Models (2008) (15) Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott. **11.00** Gogglebox **12.40** The Inbetweeners **1.50** The IT Crowd **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **4.15** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Time Team **11.00** FILM: The Lady Vanishes (1979) (PG) **1.00** Four in a Bed **3.40** Grand Designs: House of the Year **8.00** Father Ted **9.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.05** Father Ted **12.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.55** Spin **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Frogmen (1951) (U) **1.00** The Three Musketeers (1993) (PG) Swashbuckling comedy adventure, with Kiefer Sutherland. **3.05** Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **5.00** Fast Girls (2012) (12) Sporting drama, with Lenora Crichlow and Lily James. **6.45** Tootsie (1982) (15) Cross-dressing comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman. **9.00** Contraband (2012) (15) Crime thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg. **11.10** Alleluia (2014) (18) Premiere. Thriller, starring Laurent Lucas. **1.00** The Wolfman (2010) (15) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 American Pickers **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Haye v De Mori: The Countdown **10.30** Storage Hunters UK **1.00** Lizard Lick Towing **2.00** Beverly Hills Pawn **3.00** Storage Hunters UK **5.30** Haye v De Mori: The Countdown **6.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special **9.00** Live Boxing: David Haye v Mark De Mori. Coverage of the heavyweight contest from the O2 in London. **11.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Room 101 **2.20** Only Connect **3.20** Storage Hunters **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Football Freestyler **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** What's Up **12.30** RSPCA Animal Rescue **1.00** Modern Family **4.00** Futurama **7.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **9.00** FILM: Clash of the Titans (2010) (12) Mythological adventure, starring Sam Worthington. **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **1.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.00** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries **3.00** Night Cops **4.00** Inside Gatwick **5.00** UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **1.00** Storm City **3.00** House **5.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** Scientology: Going Clear. The Prison of Belief **12.20** Cold Case **1.15** The Sopranos **2.15** House of Lies **3.25** Enlightened **4.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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Sunday January 17th

BBC1

War & Peace, **9pm**

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.35 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Eat Well for Less?** A tale of two fish-and-chip dinners. (S)(R) **3.15 Escape to the Country** Highlights of the series from Somerset. (S) **4.15 Lifeline** (S) **4.25 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.00 Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 Countryfile** (S)

7.30 Still Open All Hours A bridegroom has cold feet. (S)

8.00 Call the Midwife New series. Patsy helps to deliver a severely deformed baby, and the sisters rally round to give the parents the support they need. A keep fit class leads to a medical emergency. (S)

9.00 War & Peace Pierre fights a duel with Dolokhov, Natasha and Sonya both receive unexpected marriage proposals, and Nikolai makes the mistake of placing his trust in a dangerous friend. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action. (S)

11.30 FILM The Devil's Double (2011) (18) Fact-based drama, with Dominic Cooper and Ludivine Sagnier. (S)

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.15** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Live Snooker: The Masters, **7pm**

6.30 The A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **7.15 Monty Don's Italian Gardens** Romantic retreats in Naples and southern Italy. (S)(R) **8.15 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Highlights of the series. (S) **10.45 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: The Masters** The opening eight frames of the final from Alexandra Palace. (S) **5.15 Ski Sunday** Highlights from Wengen, Switzerland. (S) **6.00 World's Sneakiest Animals** Animals that utilise devious tactics to win a mate and raise a family. Last in the series. (S)(R)

7.00 Live Snooker: The Masters Hazel Irvine presents concluding coverage of the final from Alexandra Palace, London. Subsequent programmes subject to change. (S)

11.00 FILM Jo Nesbo's Headhunters (2011) (15) Crime thriller, starring Aksel Hennie and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. (S)

12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.35** Holby City (S)(R) **2.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands, **7pm**

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! (S) **7.35 Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series** (S)(R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry** (S)(R) **8.10 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters** (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival Story** (S) **9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show** (S)(R) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **1.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.35 Catchphrase** (S)(R) **2.20 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **3.20 FILM You Only Live Twice (1967) (PG)** (S) **5.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera** (S)

7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands Rheda leads a search for Slean, who has disappeared without trace – but is also under increasing pressure to identify the traitor before her people turn against her. (S)

8.00 Endeavour The detective investigates the disappearance of a Dutch au pair and discovers a connection to an earlier unsolved case as conflict erupts between his fellow officers. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure Joanna concludes her journey, visiting the city where the Russian royal family was killed. Last in the series. (S)(R)

11.20 Perspectives: Eddie Redmayne on War Art The actor explores how conflict has inspired creativity. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Walking the Himalayas, **8pm**

6.15 How I Met Your Mother Stella's sister is jilted. (S)(R) **6.40 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With Sam and Mark, Dakota Blue Richards and David Hasselhoff. (S) **12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** A campervan made of old CDs and vinyl records. (S)(R) **1.30 Location, Location, Location** House-hunting in east London. (S)(R) **2.35 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **3.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **5.30 FILM Epic (2013) (U)** Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Amanda Seyfried. (S)

7.30 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Walking the Himalayas Levison Wood returns to the site of his car crash to resume the journey, and keeps a promise to Binod by accompanying him on a trek to his family home in Pokhara. (S)

9.00 Deutschland 83 While at a Nato conference, Moritz gets an assignment to seduce a security analyst's secretary, and also receives word that his mother is on the shortlist for a kidney transplant.

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show, with guests Jason Manford and Roisin Conaty joining forces with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM The Final Destination (2009) (15) Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo and Shantel VanSanten. (S)

12.35 15 Kids and Counting (S)(R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.00** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.25** Come Dine with Me (S)(R)

Channel 5

Eat Pray love, **10pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Shredder's new henchmen, Bebop and Rocksteady, attack the turtles. (S)(R) **10.30 The Championship: Football League Tonight** Highlights and all the goals from the second tier. (S)(R) **11.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **11.55 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.55 FILM Blue Streak (1999) (12)** Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence. (S) **3.40 FILM Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) (PG)** Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. (S) **5.25 FILM George of the Jungle (1997) (U)** Comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. (S)

7.10 FILM Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995) (PG) Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for language and sexual content. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)

10.00 FILM Eat Pray Love (2010) (15) Premiere. Drama, starring Julia Roberts and James Franco. (S)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold **6.25** Emmerdale **9.10** Coronation Street **11.40** Take Me Out **12.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.00** You've Been Framed! **2.55** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Emma Thompson. **5.05** FILM: Jurassic Park III (2001) (PG) **6.55** Minion Madness **7.10** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Adam Sandler. **9.00** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **11.10** FILM: Not Another Teen Movie (2001) (15) Comedy, starring Chyler Leigh. **1.15** Reality Bites **1.50** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Rising Damp **6.50** On the Buses **7.50** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) **9.45** Heartbeat **11.45** FILM: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG) **1.40** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Me and My Guide Dog **9.00** Neil Diamond: One Night Only **10.15** FILM: Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001) (15) Second World War romantic drama, starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz. **12.45** FILM: Ooh, You Are Awful (1972) (PG) **2.30** On the Buses **3.50** Heartbeat **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.10** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.40** The Voice UK **9.00** FILM: Looper (2012) (15) Sci-fi thriller, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis. **10.50** Russell Howard's Good News **11.20** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **12.45** Russell Howard's Good News **1.15** Siblings **1.45** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **2.15** Great TV Mistakes **2.25** FILM: 102 Dalmatians (2000) (U) **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 India's Frontier Railways **8.00** Empire of the Tsars: Romanov Russia with Lucy Worsley **9.00** Storyville: The Golden Age of Circus – The Show of Shows **10.15** Timeshift: A Day at the Zoo **11.15** Lost Horizons: The Big Bang **12.15** Alex Higgins: The People's Champion **1.15** 20th Century Battlefields **2.15** American Nomads **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Rules of Engagement **7.10** Baby Daddy **8.00** Melissa & Joey **9.00** The Goldbergs **9.55** Hollyoaks **12.30** FILM: The Core (2003) (12) **3.05** FILM: Home Alone (1990) (PG) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **5.10** The Big Bang Theory: Superheroes **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** Rude Tube **12.05** The Inbetweeners **1.15** The IT Crowd **2.20** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.15** Don't Trust the B**** in Apartment 23 **3.35** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.20** Building the Dream **10.20** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **11.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **12.00** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Tiny House Nation **9.00** FILM: The Lincoln Lawyer (2011) (15) Legal thriller, starring Matthew McConaughey. **11.20** 24 Hours in A&E **12.25** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.25** Embarrassing Bodies **2.25** 24 Hours in A&E **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 13 Rue Madeleine (1946) (U) **1.00** Clueless (1995) (12) **2.50** Napoleon Dynamite (2004) (PG) **4.40** The Princess Diaries (2001) (U) Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway. **6.55** America's Sweethearts (2001) (12) **9.00** Taken (2008) (15) Thriller, starring Liam Neeson. **10.45** Mr Nice (2010) (18) Biopic of drug smuggler Howard Marks, starring Rhys Ifans. **1.05** Hahaha (2010) (15) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** Ice Road Truckers **8.55** Top Gear **10.00** Boxing: David Haye v Mark De Mori **12.00** Traffic Cops **1.00** Ice Road Truckers **1.55** Storage Hunters UK **4.00** Boxing: David Haye v Mark De Mori **6.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Crackanory **11.40** Room 101 **1.00** QI XL **2.00** Suits **2.45** Mock the Week **3.20** Only Connect **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00** Monkey Life **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Stop, Search, Seize **1.00** Big Cats: An Amazing Animal Family **2.00** Futurama **4.00** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize **12.00** Air Ambulance ER **1.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Night Cops **4.00** Inside Gatwick **5.00** UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Storm City **3.00** Without a Trace **7.00** House **9.00** Band of Brothers **11.35** The Knick **12.45** The Sopranos **1.45** House of Lies **3.30** Enlightened **4.05** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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Covers band will aim to get fans up and dancing

FEATURING songs covering a host of different genres, The Continuum Covers Band will be entertaining music fans at the Market Hotel in Alton on Saturday, January 23.

Performing at the Market Hotel venue for the first time this year, the three musicians in Danny Bash, Pete Clarke and EJ Brooks will be bringing their versions of popular hits from across the years to Hampshire.

And for Danny, there is one thing he particularly enjoys when performing to an appreciative audience.

"For us, it is getting people dancing as there is no bigger flattery than that," Danny told the Observer.

"Also not being limited by noise restrictions, as that can really kill the vibe.

"We are really looking forward to this show, as everyone can expect a really good mix of covers throughout the decades."

The band's set will include music from Bruno Mars, The Beatles and Michael Jackson, while many more will be tackled by the three part-time musicians from Newbury.

By **James Richings**

"We are part-time but certainly play with a professional attitude towards what we do," Danny said.

"And it is massive for youngsters to experience live music.

"With music turning into a backing track pre-recorded sequenced experience lately, you can see the popularity of traditionally played music as a whole becoming more shallow."

He continued: "People are a lot more forgiving now for live music that isn't actually live.

"And I know we never want to be a band playing along to our own tracks."

The gig starts at 9pm and is free to attend.

• The Continuum Covers Band, made up of (from left) Pete Clark, EJ Brooks (on drums) and Danny Bash

Comedian's visit

GEORDIE-BORN comedian Sarah Millican will be appearing at The Anvil on Saturday, January 16 and Sunday, January 17.

The 40-year-old, who started her comedy career in the mid-2000s, visits the Churchill Way venue as part of her 'Outsider' tour.

Tickets have sold out but some could become available through a waiting list. Both shows start at 8pm and tickets cost £26.

Film screening

CRIME mystery film 'Mr Holmes' will be screened at The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon on Wednesday, January 20.

Starring award-winning actor Sir Ian McKellen, the story tells how a retired Sherlock Holmes, aged 93, deals with his failing memory.

The film at the Station Road venue starts at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £5.50 or £4 for concessions.

Band performs

FIVE-PIECE covers group Smoke N' Fire will be performing at the Irish Centre in Basingstoke on Saturday, January 16.

The gig at the Council Road venue by the Basingstoke-based band starts at 9pm and is free.

Advertorial

Fancy a day out from your local area?

Just Days Out based in Sandhurst operate a wide ranging programme of day excursions by coach in Surrey, Hampshire and Berkshire and in 2015 they added new joining points within the catchment area of the Basingstoke Observer. These include Yateley, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Hatch, Basingstoke and Brighton Hill.

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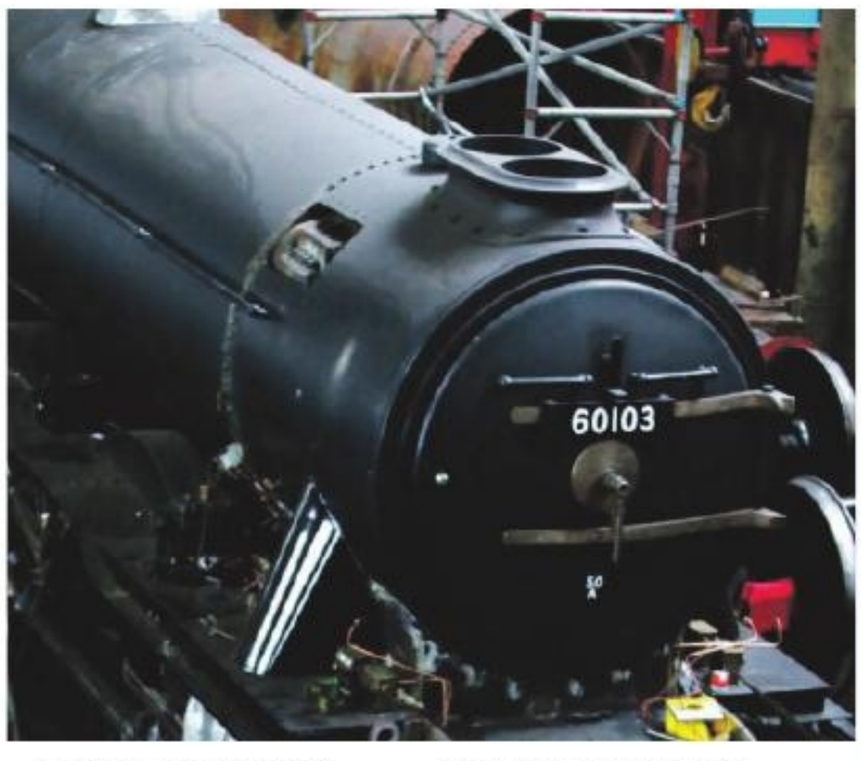

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Covers courtesy of The Turn

• Lead singer Paul Goddard

• Drummer Nick Jones

THE music of Thin Lizzy, Jimi Hendrix and AC/DC will be heard at The Falkners Arms in Fleet on Saturday, January 16 as covers band The Turn are back in town.

Made up of Paul Goddard on the acoustic guitar and as lead vocalist, lead guitarist and vocalist Nick Ritchie, drummer Nick Jones and Ian Smith on bass and vocals, the foursome will be taking part in their first gig of the year following a successful outing on New Year's Eve.

By **James Richings**

"We have been lucky enough to have been invited to play at the Falkners several times in the past, most recently back in August when we had a really cracking night," drummer Nick told the Observer.

"So everyone can look forward to the return of The Turn!"

Following their first gig in 2007, the four friends have become one of the most popular cover bands in Hampshire, whilst balancing their musical alter-egos with their day jobs.

However, with the band already scheduled to perform 20 gigs this year and with that number set to increase as the year progresses, Nick revealed that playing to an audience showing a great interest in the music they were playing made the gigging worthwhile.

"We always find it hugely rewarding playing to an appreciative audience which, thankfully, is pretty much most of the time," Nick said.

"This is because a lot of our gigs are repeat bookings, which means that most of our audiences know what to expect from us, and their enthusiasm often adds an extra sparkle to our performance."

After the gig on January 16, the band will next perform in Fleet on April 1, when they visit The Fox & Hounds in the town.

Nick added: " We all got involved in music when we were relatively young.

"This was either by taking lessons or being self-taught in our respective instruments, whilst trying to emulate the genius of the likes of Eric Clapton and The Beatles.

"And on the night, you can expect a varied and well-polished set performed by an experienced local band, featuring a sensational lead guitarist, excellent three-part harmonies, and a solid rhythm section."

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Fri, Jan 15, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Liadov's colourful miniatures are like musical Fabergé eggs. His 'fantastic scherzo' Kikimora vividly depicts a malevolent character from Russian folklore. Shostakovich's is one of the finest twentieth century violin concertos. Its four movements include a hushed and poignant nocturne, an imaginative passacaglia – variations over a repeated bass line – and an unstoppable finale. Beethoven's fifth symphony, from the most famous opening in music, builds through its four movements from dramatic struggle to a blazing, triumphant conclusion.

Sat, Jan 16 – Sun, Jan 17
The Anvil, Basingstoke
SARAH MILLICAN

Sun, Jan 17, 8.15pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
THE HUT PEOPLE
Taking the audience on a musical journey around the world, English instrumental duo The Hut People, accordionist Sam Pirt and percussionist Gary Hammond, are one of the most unique, entertaining and best-loved acts on the UK folk scene today.

Fri, Jan 22, 9pm
The Irish Centre, Basingstoke
DAN MCHUGH
Expect originals from Farnborough based Irishman Dan McHugh

Fri, Jan 22, 9pm
The Canal Bar, Newbury
ROADHOUSE
Covers are on the menu as Roadhouse will be making their first appearance at the Market Place venue of 2016.

Sat, Jan 23, 9.15pm
The White Hart, Thatcham
UPTOWN FUNK
An evening of popular 60s and 70s music which covers genres such as rock, soul and blues.

Thu, Jan 23 – Sat, Jan 23
Corn Exchange, Newbury
LES MISERABLES
RARE Productions, the UK's largest youth musical theatre production company, is delighted to be launching its newest group in Newbury with a production of Les Miserables: Schools Edition. This epic story recounts the struggle against adversity in 19th century France. Imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, petty thief Jean Valjean is released from his 19-year term and not only becomes and honest man, but the mayor of a prosperous town and a loving adoptive father - violating his parole in the process. The relentless Inspector Javert, who makes a decent life for Valjean impossible, consequently pursues him. Only years later, after Valjean proves his mettle during a bloody student uprising and saves the life of a young man hopelessly in love with Valjean's adopted daughter, does the ex-convict finally feel fully redeemed.

Sat, Jan 23, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA
Vaughan Williams' overture is one of his very best short pieces, beginning by evoking the buzzing of the insects of the title. Finzi's delightful concerto is his most well-known orchestral piece and showcases many sides of the clarinet's character, played tonight by the orchestra's Principal Clarinet. The Sea Symphony is an epic and imaginative setting of poems by Walt Whitman, though keeping the traditional four movements of symphonic form. The musical themes set out in the striking introduction recur in various forms throughout the work. Its success established Vaughan Williams as the foremost British composer of his generation.

Sun, Jan 24, 3pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
JOHANN STRAUSS GALA
The Johann Strauss Gala has entertained audiences for over 40 years with its captivating combination of much-loved music, delightful dancing and dash of comedy. Dressed in exquisite costumes of the period, the orchestra return with a brand new show with irrepressible showman Rainer Hersch. Together they take you on a light-hearted journey filled with some of the most romantic waltzes and liveliest polkas ever composed.

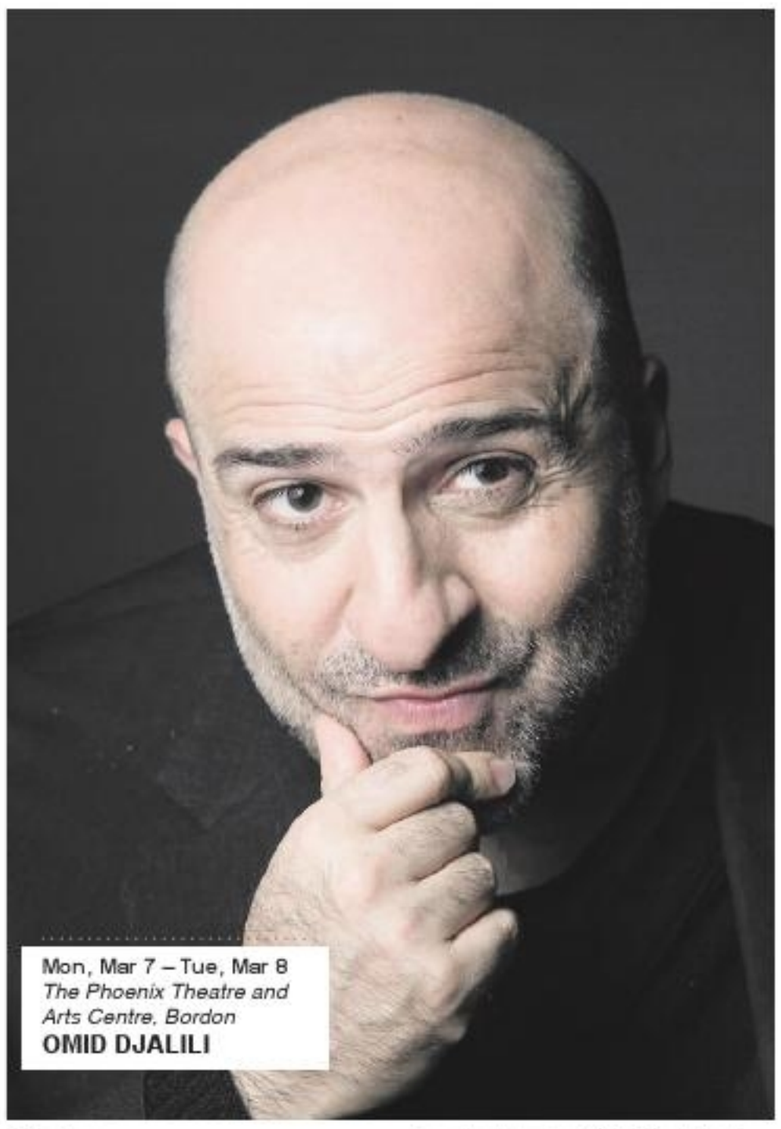
Wed, Jan 27, 7.45pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
ROD PICOTT
Rod has had his songs covered by Ray Wylie Hubbard, Slaid Cleaves and Fred Eaglesmith among others but it's his brilliant stage show and his instant rapport with his audience that sets this Maine wordsmith apart from the rest.

Thu, Jan 28, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
ED BYRNE
That bloke. You know. The Irish guy. No, not the bald one. The other one. You know him. The one Carol from work really likes. Wait, that might be Jason Byrne. Anyway. Funny chap. Has a new show!

Thu, Jan 28, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
THAT'LL BE THE DAY
Prepare for a nostalgia party extravaganza as the legendary That'll Be The Day returns with its brand new 30th Anniversary Special!
The nations favourite rock 'n' roll variety spectacular features a fantastic line up of knock-out hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, plus more side-splitting comedy!
Early booking is advised as this ever-popular show attracts a big audience of music lovers ready to party!

Thu, Jan 28, 8pm
Ace Space
MEGSON
Expect beautifully crafted and performed original songs that tell stories of everyday life today. Those stories may be rooted in Teeside but can be related to by us all.

Thu, Jan 28 – Sat, Feb 20
The Watermill Theatre, Newbury
TELL ME ON A SUNDAY
Following her acclaimed performance in The Watermill's 2014 production of Calamity Jane, Jodie Prenger now steps into Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's classic musical, Tell Me On A Sunday.
This iconic musical, with a wonderful original score played by a five piece band, features the chart-topping Take That Look Off Your Face, and title track Tell Me On A Sunday. Performed by many legendary musical theatre



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Saturday departures, 16 & 23 April 2016

Join us on this Spring Special in majestic Lake Garda, an Alpine fjord rich in Mediterranean olive and lemon trees, palms, cypresses and oleanders.

- ✔ Return flight from Gatwick airport to Verona†
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Sunday departures, January - April 2016

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- ✔ Return flight from Gatwick airport to Paphos†
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- ✔ A half day sightseeing tour of Paphos
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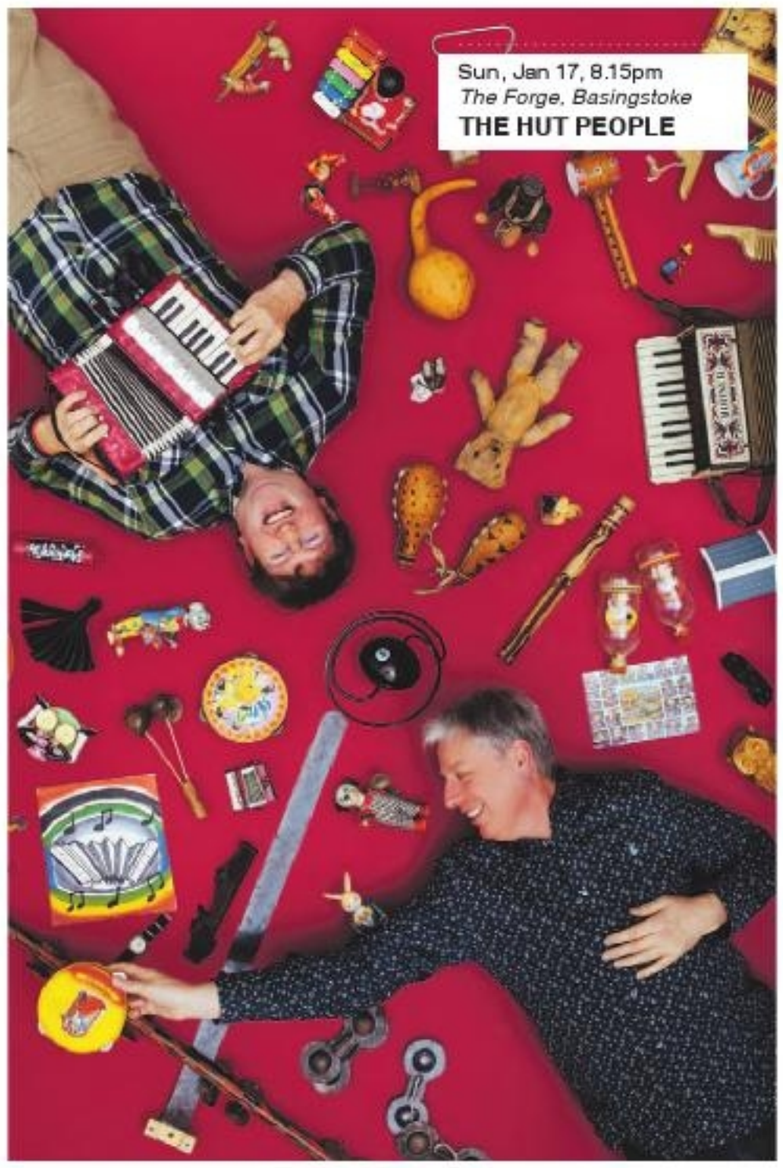

Sun, Jan 17, 8.15pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
THE HUT PEOPLE

stars including Marti Webb and Sarah Brightman, this new 2016 production directed by Paul Foster includes an intimate post-show chat with Jodie about life, love and playing the role of Emma.

Fri, Jan 29, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
KAST OF KINKS
Actual former members of iconic band "The Kinks" this great line-up features the fantastic Mick Avory (original drummer on classic hits spanning 1964-84), John Dalton(bass/vocals 1969-76), Ian Gibbons (keyboard/vocals 1979-96) with Dave Clarke (guitar/vocals, formerly of Beach Boys, Noel Redding & Tim Rose).
All the hits, including: You Really GotMe, Dedicated Follower of Fashion, Sunny Afternoon, Lola, Days, Waterloo Sunset, Come Dancing and many more for driving power chords, distorted guitar sound and soulful lyricism.

Fri, Jan 29, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS
Join Forever in Blue Jeans on their 20th anniversary tour! A perfect feast of entertainment, with superb singers, dancers and musicians. This big-hearted show features songs from Patsy Cline, Elvis Presley, The Mavericks, Tammy Wynette, The Carpenters and more, plus hits from the great western musicals such as Oklahoma andPaint Your Wagon.

Fri, Jan 29, 8pm
New Greenham Arts Auitorium, Newbury
STEVE HALL AND TOMMY ROWSON
Steve Hall: The best-educated third of beloved Fringe losers We Are Klang, and one of the main writers on Russell Howard's Good News, Steve has opened for Russell Howard and Lee Mack on tour, and was the first ever stand-up guest on Good News. He is a regular on Frank Skinner's Absolute Radio show where he is usually quite good.
Tommy Rowson: So You Think You're Funny Winner 2011 and BBC New Comedy Finalist 2012 Tommy Rowson in his debut solo show. Join Tommy as he tells tales from Wales and London featuring bordello belles, vagabonds, vagrants, swindlers, bindlers, drunks, drifters, drug dealers and Jesus. Warning: Contains poetry

Sat, Jan 30, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
ELKIE BROOKS
Now in the 5th decade of her career, she is still proving to be one of the most powerful and versatile vocal talents of our generation. With numerous hit singles, million selling albums and awards, her annual tours are treat for fans old and new.

Sun, Jan 31, 3pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
THE BAND OF HER MAJESTY'S ROYAL MARINES
For the past three years Basingstoke has been privileged to host theBand of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Collingwood in concert here at The Anvil. On all three occasions the band played to a full house and were a huge success. Her Majesty's Royal Marines are a proud part of our military history. They recently celebrated 350 years of loyal service to our country, and rightly hold special respect within our armed forces.

Tue, Feb 2 – Wed, Feb 3
Corn Exchange, Newbury
THE GREAT GATSBY
Immersing you in the decadence of America's 'Jazz Age', The Great Gatsby is brought to life in this sizzling new stage adaptation from nationally acclaimed Blackeyed Theatre.

Wed, Feb 3, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
FAY HIELD AND THE HURRICANE PARTY
Following the success of the award-winning The Full English, Fay Hieldmoves forward as a leading proponent of traditional songs as she prepares to release a new album, Old Adam.

Thu, Feb 4, 7.30pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
3FALL DANCE COMPANY
Made up of the finest final year students studying for their BA in Dance and under the leadership of renowned choreographers Filip van Huffel, Cai Tomos and Lila Dance, 3Fall Dance Company bring a freshly produced repertoire to Arlington Arts.

Sat, Feb 6, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
DEANE SINFONIA
Basing Singers, Dever Singers, Ooh Mama, Overton Choral Society, Steventon Singers, and members of Basingstoke Choral Society and other local choirs will be joining together to perform with Deane Sinfonia.
The evening will begin with one of the most popular of all concertos, theBruch Violin Concerto, and the soloist will be Emily Mowbray, a graduate of the Royal Northern College of Music, who has already played at a number of prestigious venues countrywide.
The Verdi Requiem is one of the best-known and successful choral works. It is in turn, lyrical, moving and exhilarating.
Proceeds from this concert will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Sat, Feb 6, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
LIVEWIRE THE AC/DC SHOW
Forty-one years into AC/DC's story, the band cover both eras with both Bon Scott and Brian Johnson present to take you on the Rock and Roll train for a night to remember.
The band aim to put you slap bang in the middle of the show with hit after hit, and for the aficionados there's always something special as well. Back in Black, Rosie, Highway to hell, the songs goes on and on until the cannons fire ceremoniously to bring the evening to a superb crescendo.

Sun, Feb 7, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
HEATHER SMALL
After selling several million records, winning two Brit Awards and the Mercury Music Prize, performing across the globe and recording a track that has become an unofficial national anthem - international anthem even,Heather Small is back in Basingstoke for an unforgettable night of feel-good music.
With her unique charm, quick wit, and infectious sense of fun as well as an impressive back catalogue of hits including One Night in Heaven, Moving on Up, Testify and many more, don't miss one of the seminal British voices of a generation.

Thu, Feb, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
ANTON & ERIN
Join the nation's favourite ballroom couple when they return with a thrilling new show for 2016 to dazzle audiences across the UK. Featuring exciting new choreography, sparkling costumes and a sensational show band performing timeless music from the golden age.

Tue, Feb, 9, 7.35pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC
Having performed to over a million fans since they formed over a decade ago, Rumours of Fleetwood Mac return with their stunning new stage production. Performing in meticulous note-for-note detail, expect all the hits includingBlack Magic Woman, Albatross, Go Your Own Way, Dreams, Gypsy, Say You, Love Me, Little Lies, Everywhere and many more.

Mon, Feb 8, 1pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
ORCHESTRA UNWRAPPED
Orchestra Unwrapped is a specially tailored live concert for children aged 7-11 by the Philharmonia Orchestra, one of the world's great orchestras, presented in partnership with The Anvil Trust.

Tue, Feb 9, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
STEPHEN K. AMOS
The maestro of feel-good comedy is back on tour with his new show. Fresh from touring UK and Australia. Star of Life: An Idiot's Guide and What Does the K Stand For? (Radio 4).

Wed, Feb 10, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
MARK STEEL – WHO DO I THINK I AM?
See Mark Steel in his newest stand up show, a surprising and enthralling story told with aplomb.
Following the birth of his son, Mark set out on a journey to find is his estranged birth mother in the hope that she might have some answers about who he really is.

Wed, Feb 10, 7pm and 8.30pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
THE LOST THINGS
Performed in a unique dome structure, The Lost Things is about losing things and finding things you didn't even know you were looking for. This is a dark fairytale set in a fantastical world, where nothing is quite as it seems.

Wed, Feb 10, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
THE DEVIL INSIDE
Two friends stumble upon a bottle that will change their lives; a bottle that can grant any wish. But there's a catch, and the bottle demands a payment. Will the pair find their happy-ever-after or will the bottle be their undoing?

Thu, Feb 11, 8pm
Will Lawton Trio
ARLINGTON ARTS CENTRE, NEWBURY
Will Lawton is a singer-songwriter, pianist and hang player from Wiltshire, England.
He writes and performs personal songs with an honest rawness and charm.

Thu. Feb 11 – Sat, Feb 20
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
BASINGSTOKE GANG SHOW
If you, your family and friends love great live music and stunning dance performances, don't miss this!
With laugh out loud comedy, come and be entertained by Basingstoke Gang Show. This best-selling amateur production will have you tapping your toes and jumping and jiving.
Get your heart racing and stimulate your senses in this popular local variety show.

Fri, Feb 12, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
MARK THOMAS
Mark Thomas presents his usual mix of theatre, stand-up and activism in his brand new show.
Trespass carries on from where Mark's previous show 100 Acts of Minor Dissent left off. It is his usual odd mix of theatre, stand up, a dash of journalism, activism and dollop of mayhem.
Mark asks the question: If the ramblers of the 1930's were here now what would they do to open up the cities?
How do we turn the skyscrapers and corporate squares into our playgrounds?
He sets out to try and carve a small space in the urban world where mischief and random chance can lurk.
No one knows where this show is going to end up.

Thu, Feb 11, 8pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
PHILIP HENRY AND HANNAH MARTIN
One of the most inventive and captivating rising acts on the acoustic roots scene, the Exeter-based pair make their way to The Forge for their debut performance.

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Fri, Feb 12, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
MNOZIL BRASS
With their musical virtuosity mixed with their unique kind of comedy, the only way to describe Mnozil Brass is possibly to label them a cross between Mr Bean and the Monty Python of the music world.

Fri, Feb 12, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
JO HARMAN
Back by popular demand following her flawless performance at Arlington last year, Jo describes her music as "Soul and blues influenced by rock and gospel, there's a bit of southern country in there too."

Sat, Feb 13, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
A VINNESE STRAUSS GALA
Now in its 15th year, and back in the UK by popular demand, A Viennese Strauss Gala presents its new anniversary production.
Recreating the romance of the Viennese Festive season and reminding you of a bygone age of glamorous soirees and Strauss waltzes, this wonderful production is cleverly staged, beautifully choreographed and will appeal to the romantic as much as the music aficionado.
Performed live, the show features highlights from some of the great Operettas of the Strauss family, Kalman and Lehar; including Die Fledermaus, The Merry Widow and many more.

Sat, Feb 13, 2pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT'S TREASURY OF NONSENSE
Inspired by the works of Edward Lear, we present another feast for the eyes, ears and imagination.
With our delightfully unpredictable story telling style, hilarious characters and magical puppetry, we present a collection of nonsense and fun, bigger and better than ever before!

Sun, Feb 14, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
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• The new Renault Clio

IT proved to be a successful 2015 for Renault UK as the French car manufacturer sold 75,618 vehicles in the UK - a four-year high.

Figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders on January 7 saw the 14 per cent increase from 2014 help the company become one of the most financially successful businesses in the UK.

Sales of three Renault cars - the Clio hatchback, Captur crossover and the all-electric ZOE supermini rose by 5.8 per cent, helping the company to sell 53,410 vehicles from those models alone.

Electric vehicles also saw a further surge last year with 2,053 ZOE models being sold. This is a huge increase of 102 per cent compared to 2014.

Kadjar, Renault's new family-sized crossover, ignited the renewal of the brand's C-segment line-up with all-new generations of Mégane and Scénic to be launched at some point this year.

A combination of design, efficient and economical engines, strong residual value and competitive maintenance costs has seen the Kadjar contribute to Renault's growth since its UK launch, in the final quarter of 2015.

By **James Richings**

"This extraordinary growth has been fuelled by customer demand for our stunning new models, supported by our dealer network's commitment to customer satisfaction," Renault Group UK managing director Ken Ramirez said.

"The addition of Kadjar in the final quarter of 2015 has boosted the range even further and we look ahead to its first full year of sales in 2016, as well as the exciting launches of the Mégane in the summer and the Scénic later in the year, completing the renewal of our family car range.

"This 2015 performance reflects Renault's ongoing appeal in the UK market."

The Renault Group, which comprises Renault cars and vans and Dacia, significantly outpaced the UK vehicle market during 2015, with sales totaling 127,343 vehicles for a market share of 4.2 per cent – up 17.4 per cent from the year before.

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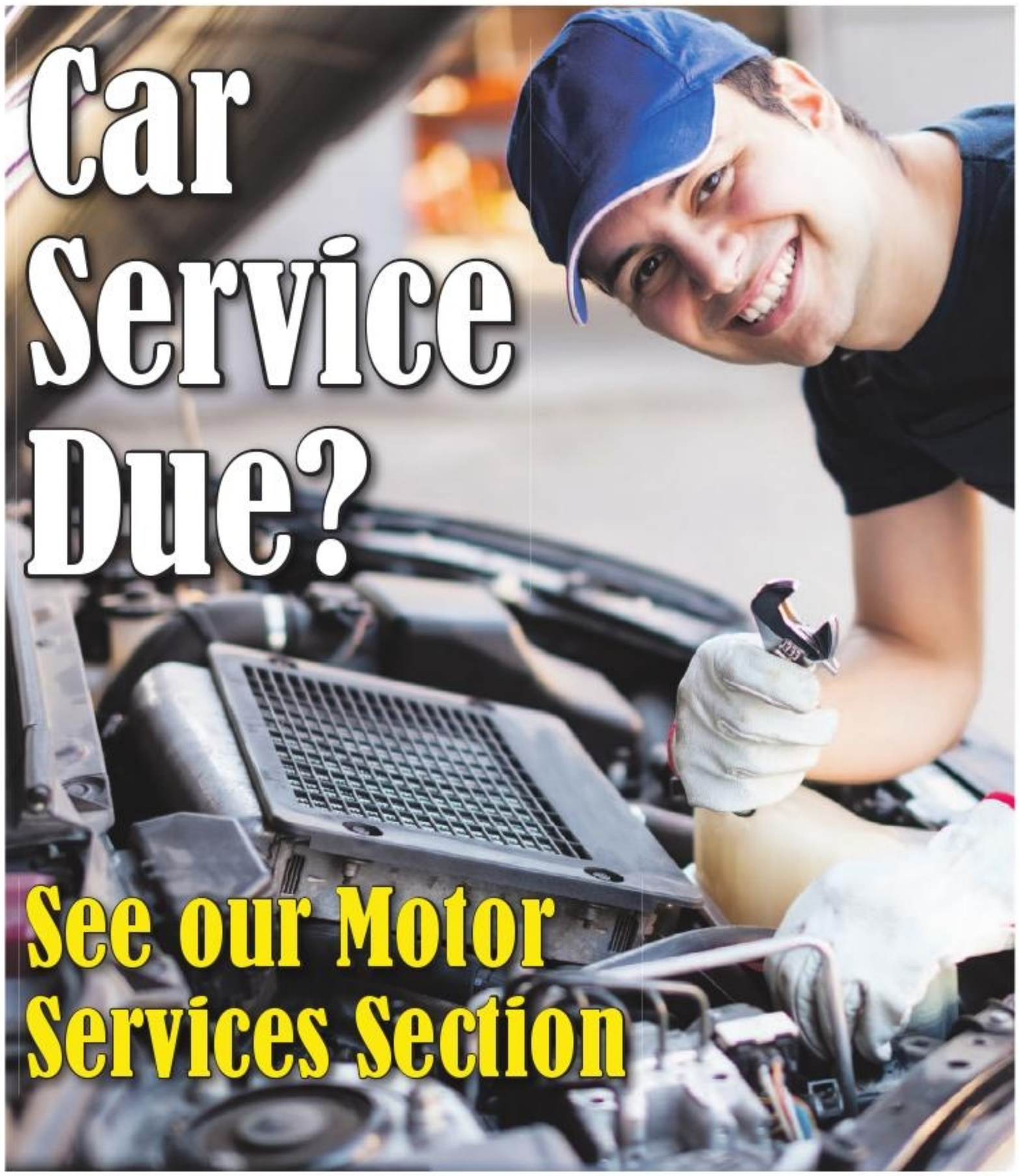

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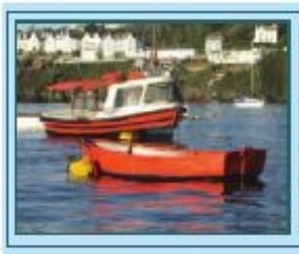

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Rampaging Herd continue the run

BASINGSTOKE Bison's title charge showed no signs of stopping over the weekend after the Herd picked up another two wins.

By **Christian Wilson**

The Stampede have now won nine matches in a row to leave them six points clear of second-placed Milton Keynes Lightning at the summit of the English Premier League (EPL).

Netminder Joe Baston claimed a club record third successive shut-out in Saturday's comprehensive 5-0 win over Manchester Phoenix at the Basingstoke Arena.

And Bison then followed that result up with a 4-1 road victory over lowly Hull Pirates 24 hours later to leave Doug Sheppard's side in a commanding position with 20 matches left to play.

Top scorer Tomas Karpov looked keen to make up for lost time on his return to the side against Phoenix and duly broke the deadlock on 5:41 after linking up with Stuart Mogg.

And the Czech forward turned provider just over seven minutes later to make it 2-0 – playing in Matt Towalski to score his first goal for the club.

Ciaran Long then had a minute to remember at the start of the second period as he fired past Stephen Fone to make it 3-0 on 24:24, before then setting up Aaron Connolly to score 40 seconds later.

And the Bison made certain of the points 3:07 into the final period as Rene Jarolin fired the puck home from another Long assist to make it five.

Long continued his superb form the following night as he claimed two goals in a man-of-the-match display to help his side take the points back home from Hull.

The Birmingham-born forward struck after 9:41 to break the deadlock after linking up well with Kurt Reynolds, before then finishing from close range just three minutes later.

Joe Greener claimed his second assist of the match 3:47 into the second period as Jarolin fired between the pipes to leave the Pirates at sea.

But the hosts responded well and pulled one back on 34:08 through captain Warren Tait to end Baston's incredible shut-out streak just shy of 240 minutes.

It was not to matter though as, with Hull taking out their goaltender Martins Raitums as they searched for a second, Jarolin broke forward to claim his second into an empty net 11 minutes from time.

Basingstoke are next in action this Saturday, when they will host Sheffield Steeldogs, before travelling to face Telford Tigers ahead of next Wednesday's EPL Cup semi-final first leg with Guildford Flames at Planet Ice.

· Basingstoke Bison forward Ciaran Long claimed three goals and two assists in victories over Manchester Phoenix and Hull Pirates (picture by grantkingphotography.com)

Town players challenged to keep run going

MICHAEL Gilkes has praised his Basingstoke Town players for showing "great character and belief" to beat Eastbourne Borough 2-1 on Saturday.

Two goals from striker Manny Williams deep into injury time saw the Dragons produce a stunning comeback to claim the three points on their trip to East Sussex.

Victory was not enough to propel Basingstoke off the foot of the National League South table, despite 'Stoke claiming their 10th point from a possible 18 under their new manager.

And Town boss Gilkes was quick to point to the extra competition for places for the upturn in results since his appointment at the end of November.

He said: "You don't plan to win games like that, but we got what we wanted and needed out of it, which is three points.

"We showed great character and belief after not playing our best football to find a way to win, which is brilliant.

"The big difference from this time last month is the hunger and competition for places for sure, as the players know that if they don't perform, someone will take their place."

One player who has benefitted from changes to the squad has been former Sierra Leone international Williams, who has found the back of the net three times in his last two matches.

"Manny hasn't had the opportunities this season that he might feel he's deserved, but he's being given a chance now and he's taking it," said Gilkes.

Basingstoke currently sit five points away from safety, with the likes of struggling Havant & Waterlooville, Weston-super-Mare and Margate all due to play the Dragons in the coming weeks.

Gilkes added: "We're winning games but our position hasn't changed and the only way we're going to change that is if we keep winning matches.

"But we're excited for the next game, are on our toes and can't wait for Saturday."

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Another loss

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC have now gone 12 matches without registering a single point after losing their first game of 2016 on Saturday.

'Stoke managed to register two tries on the board but still found themselves on the receiving end of a 39-14 defeat at KCS Old Boys.

They are next in action this Saturday when they will host mid-table Effingham and Leatherhead in a league match.

Defender leaves

FOOTBALL: Central defender Dominic Hyam's loan spell at Basingstoke Town came to an end last Friday.

The 20-year-old has returned to parent club Reading, despite Town manager Michael Gilkes attempting to extend his spell at the Camrose.

Hyam impressed during his time with the Dragons, after coming in to replace injured captain David Ray and making six starting appearances for the club.

His best moment undoubtedly came on his debut however, as he scored a crucial winner deep into injury to beat Bishops Stortford 2-1 on December 9 in Gilkes' first National League South match in charge.

2016 return

HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club men's 1sts will line up in the league for the first time this year on Saturday.

Second-placed 'Stoke will host fourth-placed Barnes 1sts at Down Grange in Hampshire Surrey 1 as they look to close the five point gap to league leaders Bournemouth 1sts.

Cup washout

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies saw their North Hants DFA Women's Cup tie with Winchester City Flyers Reserves postponed on Sunday.

Their next game is away to Southampton Saints Ladies FC in the Hampshire FA Women's Cup on Sunday.

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Injury time double secures back-to-back Town wins

MANNY STRIKES LATE FOR TOWN

MANNY Williams struck twice in injury time to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat for Basingstoke Town on Saturday.

The diminutive forward's dramatic contribution helped the Dragons to a priceless 2-1 win at fellow National League South strugglers Eastbourne Borough.

Victory also meant that rock bottom 'Stoke claimed back-to-back league wins for the first time all season, while also closing the gap to safety to five points in the process as they look to complete the great escape.

Manager Michael Gilkes previously admitted his frustration at not being able to build on December 28's hard-fought win over Hayes & Yeading United after the clash with Sutton United was postponed five days later.

But this result will ensure that momentum is carried on ahead of a crucial few games that will see Town face lowly Havant & Waterlooville and Weston-super-Mare in the coming weeks.

By **Christian Wilson**

Both sides showed just why they are where they are in the league in a scrappy first half devoid of any quality, with strong winds undoubtedly playing a role in limiting chances in either box.

But crucially the one highlight of the opening 45 minutes went in the Dragons' favour as Eastbourne went down to 10 men when Marvin Hamilton was sent off following an horrendous tackle on full-back Nathan Smart on 34 minutes.

As happens so often however, losing a man actually appeared to rouse the hosts, who took the lead in fine fashion just two minutes into the second half as Kane Haysman let fly from 25 yards to find Aaron Howe's top corner.

But from looking like they would once again be going home disappointed, Basingstoke's travelling fans were then treated to an incredible final few minutes completely unbefitting of the previous 90 to hand themselves a lifeline in their fight for survival.

After failing to find a way past Eastbourne's stubborn defence all game, great work from Rowan Vine in the 91st minute allowed Williams to stab the ball home.

Within seconds, Town were handed another stroke of fortune as home captain Ian Simpembra was shown a second yellow card for bad-mouthing the referee to leave the visitors with a two-man advantage.

And there was still time for the Dragons to grab the most unlikely of victories in the fourth minute of injury time, with that man Williams on hand once again to fire past David Gregory at the second attempt to claim the precious three points.

Basingstoke return to the Camrose for the first time this year on Saturday, when they will line up against ninth-placed Hemel Hempstead Town as they look to make it three wins from three.

• Basingstoke Town forward Manny Williams struck twice in injury time to claim a 2-1 win over Eastbourne Borough

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